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In re Application of:
Thierry Delplanche *et al.* :
Serial No. 09/549,928 : Group Art Unit: 1714
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For: Process For The Separation Of
Enantiomers And Enantiopure Reagent :
Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 7, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

In the Claims

Please cancel claims 8 through 14 and 17 through 25 and 27 through 34.

Please add the following new claims 35 through 58.

-- 35. A reagent comprising a 2- and/or 4-substituted phenoxy carbonyl group bonded to at least one amino group of an enantiopure amino acid and said enantiopure amino acid further contains at least one carboxyl group and